

## CLAIMS

6. (new) A device for securing trousers about a wearer's waist comprising:
- a base plate having an upper surface, a lower surface and two opposing side edges;
  - a pair of inner channels extending from one of the side edges of the base plate to the other of said side edges, each channel including a geared surface therein;
  - a pair of outer channels extending from one of the side edges of the base plate to the other of said side edges, each channel including a geared surface therein;
  - a first belt loop clasp extending from one of said side edges for fastening to a first trouser belt loop, said first clasp including a pair of arms each having teeth disposed thereon, each of said arms received within one of the inner channels with said teeth inter-engaging the geared surface within said channel;
  - a second belt loop clasp extending from another of said side edges for fastening to a second trouser belt loop, said second clasp including a pair of arms each having teeth disposed thereon, each of said arms received within one of the outer channels with said teeth inter-engaging the geared surface within said outer channel thereby locking said arms within said channels, whereby compression of said arms disengages the teeth from the geared surfaces within said channels allowing said arms to move freely therein.
7. (new) The device according to claim 6 wherein each of said clasps further includes a hook portion for adhering to a trouser belt loop.
8. (new) The device according to claim 6 further comprising a design element on the upper surface of said base plate.
9. (new) The device according to claim 6 wherein each of said arms include a distal end with a stop member thereon for retaining said arms within said channels.